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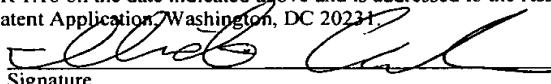
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Inventor(s): **Hiroshi AKITA**For: **PROTECTIVE MEMBRANE-EQUIPPED COMPOSITE ELECTROLYTE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUEL CELL PROVIDED WITH THE SAME**

Enclosed are:

This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. _____ filed on _____ entitled _____.

30 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims, 1 pages of abstract.

6 sheets of drawings.

An executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney.

An assignment of the invention to Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha. A recordation form cover sheet (Form PTO 1595) is also enclosed.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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